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HB 68

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Dear Chairman Howard and members of the House Human Services Committee,

I am the Executive Director of Missoula Correctional Services, Inc. (MCS) a non-profit corporation that provides a number of community corrections programs for the State of Montana, Missoula County, and the City of Missoula. MCS supervises offenders convicted of felony and misdemeanor offenses. Additionally, MCS operates one program that oversees youth referred by Youth Court for the performance of their community service hours.

I would venture to say that at least 90% of the adult offenders we supervise have chemical dependency problems. MCS has witnessed a number of addicted offenders obtain their medical marijuana card through the existing medical marijuana law as a means to support their addiction. As such, it becomes a public safety issue and an impediment to the rehabilitation of these offenders.

MCS supports HB 68 as it restricts offenders from being a medical marijuana card holder or from being a licensee. I have spoken to the sponsor of this bill—Representative Diane Sands—and submitted several small amendments MCS would like to see incorporated into the bill. The amendments submitted are to insure that none of these offenders slip through the cracks because of language or definitional aspects of the legislation. The amendments simply tighten up the bill to accomplish the goal of the bill.

I would appreciate your support of HB 68 and the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

Sue L. Wilkins, Executive Director
Missoula Correctional Services, Inc.

cc. Representative Diane Sands